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Magistrate Judge James K. Bredar
United States Magistrate Judge
United States District Court for
the District of Maryland
101 West Lombard Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

RE: *Bernadette Thomas v. The Baltimore Life Insurance Company*
Civil No. CCB-03-403

Dear Magistrate Judge Bredar:

I am in receipt of your letter scheduling a settlement Conference in the above-captioned matter for Thursday, June 5, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

Unfortunately, as I informed your assistant by telephone, I will be unable to attend a settlement conference on that date due to the fact that I will be appearing as counsel for Defendants in a preliminary injunction hearing before the Honorable Frederick Motz in the matter of *Deutsche Post Global Mail Limited v. Gerard Conrad, et al.*, Civil No. 03-CV-863. Accordingly, I hereby request a postponement of this settlement conference.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Harriet E. Cooperman

HEC/ral

cc: The Honorable Catherine C. Blake
Norris Ramsey, Esq.